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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EMIN, GV

SUBJECT: DIAMOND MINING IN GUINEA

1. FRANCIOS LAMPIETTI OF DDX CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARROP ON JANUARY 23. HE INDICATED THAT DDX INTENDED TO BEGIN CONCRETE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GUINEA AND RAISED SEVERAL QUESTIONS IN THIS REGARD.
2. LAMPIETTI ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN GUINEA AND IVORY COAST AND IF PERSONS WHO HAD VISIBLY WORKED DIAMOND TRADE IN IVORY COAST COULD WORK IN GUINEA WITHOUT CAUSING PROBLEMS WITH GOG. HARROP REPLIED THAT THERE WERE SOME RECENT SIGNS OF GUINEAN INTEREST IN IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH IVORY COAST. HE DOUBTED THAT THE GUINEANS WOULD OBJECT TO DDX BRINGING IN AN EMPLOYEE
SIMPLY BECAUSE THAT PERSON HAD PREVIOUSLY WORKED IN
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IVORY COAST.

3. WITH REGARD TO LAMPIETTI'S QUESTION REGARDING US FIRMS WITH FROZEN FOREIGN ASSETS IN GUINEA (HE CITED TEXACO), HARROP STATED THAT TEXACO HAD AN ACTIVE OPERATION IN CONAKRY RUN OUT OF DAKAR AND THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF PARTICULAR PROBLEM WITH FROZEN ASSETS FOR US FIRMS. IN

RESPONSE TO OTHER QUESTIONS HARROP STATED THAT HE WOULD BE SURPRISED IF THE GOG EXPROPRIATED ANY US FIRMS IN GUINEA AND THAT INCLUSION OF EUROPEAN FIRMS FOR AN INVESTMENT MIX DID NOT APPEAR TO BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT.

4. IN RESPONSE TO LAMPIETTI'S QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT USG WOULD SUPPORT OPIC GUARANTEE FOR DDX OPERATIONS IN GUINEA, HARROP REPLIED THAT DDX WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH OPIC BUT THAT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES AF WOULD ENCOURAGE OPIC SUPPORT OF U.S. INVESTMENT IN GUINEA. HE NOTED THAT GUINEA'S HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN CONSIDERING A GUARANTEE.

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